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<u>T</u> ONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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Chief Manager. Hongkong, 15th August, 1898.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD. - Manager, Hongkong. Hongkong, 24th May, 1898.

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Acting Manager. Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. 1. 1237. Entimations.

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Hongkong, 6th January, 1899.

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1898.

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1898,

Intimations.

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GEO. J. CASANOVA, CITY OFFICE, 7,-Duddell Street. Manager. Hongkong, 4th January, 1899. [28

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12th October, 1898

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Intimations.

THE WANCHALWAREHOUSE AND STORAGE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the General Managers, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 16th January, 1899, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a statement accounts to the 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to 16th January, 1899, both days inclusive.

MEYER & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 30th December, 1898.

LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

OF-THE --UNITED STATES,

RESULT OF 1898.

New Business£ 35,416,667 in 1897...... 32,699,103 Policies in Force£204,168,167 in 1897...... 198,159,549 Total Assets.....£ 53,125,000

in 1897...... 49,349,230 SurplusFunds£ 11,458,333 in 1897..... 10,529,828 The figures are preliminary and subject to revision; the information is published at ear-

liest moment for the benefit of the now considerable number of policy-holders residing in the Far East. W. H. TALBOT,

Sub-manager for the East. Hongkong, 3rd January, 1899. THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO.,

LIMITED.

(NOTICE OF CALL.)

MEETING of the Board of Directors of the above. Company held at No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on the Sixth day of December, 1898, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

"That a FIRST and FINAL CALL of

"TEN DOLLARS (\$10) per SHARE, upon "all the SHAREHOLDERS in the above "Company, in respect of all the shares held by them in the above Company, be and the same is hereby made. Such "CALL to be PAID to the Company at "their Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

"Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hong-"kong, on or before the 1st day of March, By order of the Board of Directors, . A. SHELTON HOOPER,

-- Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY Co., LD. General Agents, THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO.,

·Limited, 🔆 Hongkong, 1st January, 1899.

Insurances. NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000 The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT-RATES on GOODS,

&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world

payable at any of its Agencies. Secretary HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1894: Potice of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day admitted Mr. ALEX-ANDER ALFRED HEINRICH FINKE's Partner on our FIRM.

GROSSMANN & Co. Hongkong, 1st January, 1899. NOTICE.

TROM Date my business will be carried on under the STYLE and FIRM of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. GEO. R. STEVENS:

Hongkong, 1st January, 1899. NOTICE. AR' GUSTAV ADOLPH DEGENER

VI BOENING retired from our FIRM on the 31st December, 1898. We have established a BRANCH of our FIRM at TSINTAU, (KIAO-CHOU BAY) Mr. C. SCHWENCKE has been authorized

to sign our FIRM by procuration in Hongkong from This Date." CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, 1st January, 1899.

NOTICES. THE business of DODWELL CARLILL Yokoliama, Kobe, Tacoma Wash, Portland, Ore., Victoria, B.C., and Dock House, London

has from This Day been transferred to, and will: ba conducted under the title of:-DODWELL AND COMPANY, LIMITED.
Mr. EDMUND SINGLETON WHEAL. LER has been appointed Manager, and Mr. GEORGE HAROLD MEDHURST, Sub-Manager, at This Port. All Debts due to or by the FIRM of DOD!

WELL CARLILL & Co. will be received or paid by DODWELL & Co., Ld. Hongkong, 1st January, 1899.

To-day's Advirtisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. LONG RANGE CUP AND SPOONS. THERE will be a COMPETITION for the nhove TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 7th instant, at 3 P.M.

RANGES.-700 and 800 yards. Ten Shots and one Sighter. Conditions as usual. MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Hon. Sec. Hongkong, 6th January, 1899. THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSUR-

ANOE SOCIETY. "C FOUNDED 1797."

AMOUNT INSURED£330,000,000 PREMIUM INCOME THE Undersigned Agents for the above Against Fire at CURRENT RATES. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Hongkong, 6th January, 1899.

ÁVANTED. TENTLEMAN requires COMFORTABLE BEDROOM also BREAKFAST. Reply stating Terms to

Honekann, 6th January, 1899. TASSAGE TO LONDON By SAILING VESSEL:

c/o ACHEE & Co.

THE AT Steel Ship "KENSINGTON, Sailing about the 16th instant, has accomodation for two, Saloon passengers, Good table kept, Bath, carries a Steward, and has splendid

promenade deck, good opportunity for parents wishing to send two boys to school in England Voyage will probably be made in 100 Days. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Praya Central.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1899.

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE. FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "EIDSVOLD,"

Captain Anderson, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 P.M. For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, 6th January, 1899. UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE .. FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "TNDRANT" Captain Trotter, will be despatched as above

on or about the 20th February. For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, 6th January, 1899.

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THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the elegant Building known as "CO N-NAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers. Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant, Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods.

· Proprietor & Manager. Hongkong, 3rd April, 1895.

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Intimation.

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GEENORCHY B.--Watson MELLOW BLEND, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark 10.80 C.—Warson's Abeliour-GLENLIVET, Red Cap-

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Mala Whiskies, Violet Capsule 14.40 E .- WATSON'S VERY OLD LI-

QUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY, ... Gold Capsule 15.00

GIRNORCHY are high class Soda Whiskies, of greater age than most brands in the market.

ABELOUR-GLENLIVET is a very old Peat Whisky, (smoky) and could not now, he repluced in stock at the price. D is well known for its fine

flavour. E is of superb quality and pronounced by leading local connoisseurs to be the best brand in the

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WINE CA SPIRIT MERCHANTS. Established 1841.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

When we are in the throes of the rainy season we growl and grumble at the muddy state of the Hongkong streets and when i period of drought sets in our voices rise in protest at the dust, and between the two we spend a sorry time, for there appears to be no. intermediate stage. At present we are suffering from an excessive amount of dust, but this is not our only cause of complaint. In addition to the dust we have stones, for the long spell of dry weather, by transforming the greater part of the binding matter of the roads into dust, has released chunks of the metalling which become scattered about the surface of the road and play havoc with both foot and vehicular traffic. A good example of this states of affairs is to be seen in Cameron Road, Kowloon, which has suffered so severely from the prevailing dry weather as to render it almost impossible for the bare-footed ricksha coolies to pick their way between the sharp lumps of road metal scattered about, and the result is that they prefer to make a detour in order to avoid this thoroughfare.

The construction—of our roads also leaves much to be desired. Either the foundations are back in the first instance of the metalling is carelessly spread and insufficiently rolled, or is not sufficiently assorted in size to allow of its forming a fairly smooth and even surface. Our roads are full of ruts which give one uncomfortable | the six demands previously made, with the jars when passing over them in a ricksha, or form miniature water jumps, into which the unwary are liable to plunge in rainy weather. Then when the rut grows sufficiently deep and large to attract the attention - of the P.W.D.—and it requires a regular chasm to do so-along come a few coolies and ram a patch into place which soon sets hard and illustrates the proverb of the new patch on the old garment. In other words the road commences to break up on long as the French do so. 'Gn the 22nd ulto., either side of the patch and two ruts are a party of men from the Descarles went ashore quickly formed where before but one existed.

half-yearly report called attention to a new | Things were, however, put straight by the road metal which he had discovered and interpreter of the Bureau for Foreign Affairs explained its advantages at some length. who went on board the Descartes to apologise It would be interesting to know on what to the French. roads the new metalling has been used in order that the public might be able to see for themselves its durability or otherwise. Very little has been heard of late respecting We should like to see this point made, clear in the coming half-yearly of the Public Works Department.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

FRANCE. London, January 4th.

THE INSURGENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

A Spanish official telegram states that the insurgents at Balabac have massacred all the exception of the women.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 5th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer has fallen on the China coast. The high pressure area is spreading over Japan. Gradient's moderate with fresh monsoon on the coast, and in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST:-fresh to N.E. winds; fair.

LOCAL AND CENERAL.

AT the January sale of opium at: Calcutta Patna reatized Rs. 1,142 and Benario Rs. 1,140.

AFTER a thorough search the launch, which was yesterday sent out to look for the body of Wilson, the second steward of the Glenavon, returned unsuccessful.

FOR supplying intoxicating liquors during prohibited hours, viz. 5.50 a.m., the proprietor of the Colonial Hotel was bound over in the sum of \$100 to be of good behaviour for six months.

A 'RICKSHAW coolie was fined Sto for refusing to accept hire when unemployed in Queen's Road, and another 'rickshaw coolie was fined the same amount for refusing to complete the journey for which he had been engaged.

Thus the New York correspondent of The Scotsman writing under date of 30th Novem. bor :- "The War Department purposes sending THORNE'S BLEND and WATSON'S a strong force to Hollo, whence it can be distributed to other place where its presence may be necessary pending the evacuation by the Spanish army."

> According to native advices, owing to the recent failure of a native bank in Soochow. financial transactions there have been much hampered. It is stated that the bankrupt bank. has appointed trustees to liquidate the estate and after paying off all the official deposits in full, a dividend will be declared to other depo-

AFTER the gunpowder explosion in Hangchow, the high autitorities ordered an official to Hallchow to purchase 5,000 piculs of sulphur and saltpetre for the manufacture of gunpowe der to replace those lost at the explosion, A manufactory of smokeless powder will shortly be established there and further purchases of sulphur and saltpetre will be made.

A LARGE number of shareholders and their friends accepted the invitation of the Directors of the Shanghai Shipbuilding, Engineering, and Dock Co., Ld., to view the docks and works, which are nearing completion, at Pootung on the 28th ulto. The dock bids fair to be soon finished and the works seem of a very

substantial character.

A NEW mode of punishment has been resorted to, says the Universal Gazette by the Soochow authorities in dealing with the local offenders. On the 27th ulto, three of them were ordered by the Chief Deputy of Police, Liu, to be bambooed and afterwards to have all their hair shaven off leaving two little tufts on each side. These are plaited with red cotton cords and the offenders are then paraded through the city in cangues.

MR. Pritchard Morgan, who has obtained Several mining concessions in the North of China, accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. John Green, passed through in the Princ Heinrich, which left this morning for London. We understand that Mr. Morgan is well satisfied with his mission to China, and that he will probably return early next summer to personally superentend the gigantic Schemes which he wishes to carry out in the Province of Szechuan.

A DESPATCH from Nanking to the University Gazette says that Viceroy Liu Kunyi has decided to permit the extension of the Saigon scene, laid in Victoria Street, Kowloon, in 1900, and Ningpo Roads in the French Settlement was, as all well regulated scenes of this descripafter the French had paid a full indemnity for the Chinese shot during the Ningpo Joss House disturbance; but the rest of the demands cannot be acceeded to. On the 24th ulto., Count de Bezaure again communicated to the Viceroy modification that the demand for ground from the little East Gate to the Chinese Bund to be included in the French Settlement, could be amicably considered. No towards a satisfactory conclusion has been made and there is a deadlock. The Descartes is still moored off Hsia Kuan and the commander of the British man-of-war is said to have declared that he would stay as near the forts to cut down some fir boughs for Christmas decoration and a conflict was ex-The Director of Public Works in his last-pected between them and the Chinese garrison.

THE China Gazette of the 29th ulto. says :the doings of the French Consul-Genenral at Nanking before which we believe he is still sitting down in the Descartes, in sullen determination to tire the old Viceroy out by the sheer force of his pertinacity. The Chinese report that the Russian cruiser Grimiaschy is now anchored off that city with the apparent intention of strengthening the demands of A statement has been published on behalf-of- Count de Bezaure and backing up the Descar-Prince Victor Bonaparte in which he declares | tes. But this is a mistake, as the Russian that he is preparing to act as soon as events, cruiser left the Yangtse three or four which are nearer than supposed, occur. The days ago for Port Arthur. Two British Prince says it is useless to attempt anything warships, the Iphigenia and Linnel, still keep by legal means and that he is therefore plan- watch and ward off the city with the obvious ning to act by force, aided by the Military idea of giving the Viceroy Liu strength to prestige and talent of his brother Prince Louis. | refuse and backbone to maintain his refusal to the insolent and most unjustifiable French demands. And so the deadlock continues: neither party has as yet given way, and so long as old Liu keeps his courage up and the big guns in his forts shotted all will be well, for it Spaniards in Balabac (Palawan) with the is a matter of common knowledge that no force the French can bring against him, even if they had a free hand, which they have not, would suffice to frighten him. The whole curston is being now threshed out in Paris, and Peking and Nanking is of no importance for the moment. We do not believe that the Russians will do very much to support the Descartes particularly as the British seem ranged on the Chinese side, but it is as well that Liu Kun-yih should be reminded of the complete safety of the game he plays as long as he gives nothing away. If he gives way to the French he will have to face the whole gament of the independent demands for concessions and settlements from every Power having treaties with China. By holding out

PROPOSED TONNAGE DUTY AND THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

against one he will stave off endless demands

from all quarters....

Commenting upon the proposed tonnage duty for ships, a bill in favour of which is now awaiting the decision of the Diet, the Shogye is of opinion that should such a bill be passed by the Houses it would not only cause great hindrance in the development of foreign trade but would prove a disatrous blow to the ship ping business. The company destined to suffer-most under the proposed new tax would be the Nippon Yusen Kaisha; as is demonstrated by the following table of its services and

nnage:	Tonnage,
European service	77,317
Australian service Bombay service H'kong-Vladivostock service	10,992 13,899
Yokohama-Shanghai service Kobe-Tientsin_service	7,668 1,409
 Kobe-Vladivostock service For Special service 	

As will be seen the total tonage on the Company's ships, now engaged in foreign shipping services, comes up to 134,130 tons, so that in the event of a tonnage duty being im- able Thomas. posed at the rate of 30 sen per ton the entire sum thus to be brought under contribtion will be considerable, about 40,000 yen per year. Under these circumstances the Shogyo says that so l'lost, or unfortunate; in fact he looked particulong as the Yusen Kaisha is favoured with the yearly subsidy of 880,000 yen towards its foreign services under the Navigation Encouragement Law it cannot but be recognized that the proposal for levying the tonnage duty would entirely defeat the purpose of the encourage ment and expansion of shipping business. We (Japau Tivies) cannot believe that the imposition of 40,000 yen upon an aggregate tonnage of 134,000 as instanced by the Shogyo, will defeat the ends of the Navigation Encourage-

"THE YELLOW DWARF,"

FIRST PERFORMANCE BY THE A. D. C.

At the Theatre Royal, City Hall, last night the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club gave their first performance of the pantomime of The Yellow Dwarf, or Harlequin, the Knave of Hearts and the Fair Princess." . Hongkong is prond of its A. D. C. and the yearly comic opera or pantomime is eagerly looked forward to as one of the events of the season, so that it was not sufprising to find a large crowd collectingoutside the Theatre sometime previous to the opening of the doors and long before the curtain rose the house was crowded. In the stalls and dress circle hardly a seat had been left unbooked and the result was that many people were disappointed in obtaining seats. With the plot of the piece, if a pantomime

can be said to have a plot, everyone is acqua-

inted, and if the education of any of our readers has been neglected in this respect we must refer them to the Cast of Characters Synopsis of Scenery, which will supply all necessary information on the subject. The scenery, which was designed and executed by Mr. Bird his assistants, was exceedingly artistic and eminently suited to the pantomime. The "Orange Grove" scene was perhaps the prettiest of the lot, but all were so well executed and carefully thought out that it is difficult to bestow praise aright upon them, otherwise we should be obliged to take them in order, omitting none The transformation scene "Under the Sea, was very beautiful, the fishes being particularly lifelike, while the opening of the scallop shel which brought to view Miss Phyllis Seth, a dainty little dark-eyed maid, snugly ensconced within the shell was most effective and was applauded to the echo. The Harlequipade tion should be, comic in the extreme. The Kowloon Branch of our very own Bank was depicted in the centre with a prominently displayed thermometer 'well . in evidence showing the fluctuations of the" almighty dollar," the bank being flanked by the regulation lodging houses, the usual shop, and last, but not least, the office of the "China Snail." Of Mr. G. H. Sexton (the King of Hearts

two many good things cannot he said. W feel sorry that his Royal Highness had such a tarter of a Queen, but when he sung or cracked any of his royal jokes we laughed long and loud. Occasionally he so far forgot himsel as to batter his Queen, but the wretch deserved His Majesty was troubled with two things-a liver and art supplements. The scene in which he worships the picture of his Oucen, whom he supposes to be lost, and then invites the girls to "come on," was awfully funny, and brought down the house The domestic quarrels of the Royal pair were enceedingly annusing, but when the household furniture also took a part in the quarrel we felt rather alarmed. Their advice to their daughter on the day, of her wedding shewed that they had had much experience, on the matter. His Majesty tried to win the heart of the Maid of Hearts, but his Queen came in sight and so he had to leave hurriedly From the time that His Majesty takes breakfast until the fall of the curtain in the last act Mr. Sexton thoroughly amused and pleased the audience : he was never dull. It is hard to

know which to praise most, his singing or his dancing. Perhaps "Le Café Chantant" was the best of his songs. His sporting dress, with the life-buoy collar, into which his head occasionally sank, was as funny as anything

The Queen of Hearts (Mr. G. A. Caldwel was a frivilous and naughty creature; she wa a tarter of the blackest dye, and made hersel so objectionable and suspicious of the King's actions that'it was not to be wondered at tha when he heard of her loss, he showed hi deep sorrow for the calamity by performing some extremely good and mad dances. The Queen had no dignity about her person, but she had a tongue, and knew how to use it She adopted the very latest fashions, and her dances were excellent. Queens don't as a rule dance in the Royal kitchen, but the Queen of Hearts is an exception; in fact she danced any where that she could find room to smite the air with her royal legs. Some of the dances she performed with a grace worthy of a camel Her smiles would strike terror into the heart of any man. Mr. Caldwell doesn't possess the voice of a nightingale, but he makes one of the drollest and most disreputable Queens we have ever had the pleasure of looking on. His bon mots and erratic dancing kept the house in

a continual state of laughter. Mrs. Fullerton, as the Princess Allfair, by her bright acting and very pretty and pleasing voice delighted every one. All her songs were most enthusiastically applauded and encored. She looked exceedingly pretty, both in her short frocks before she met the sad Prince Dulcimar, and in the beautiful white silk dress at the marriage ceremony. Her first song "Cupid and I" was the best sung and prettiest song of the evening, and she well deserved the beautiful bouquet that was handed to her.

Prince Dulcimar (Mr. F. P. Harold) looked and acted like the good young man the love sick prince was supposed to be; he sighed and he moaned as the orthodox prince in love with a princess always does do. But having won the heart of such a charming Princess as Mrs. Fullerton (in a fine white silk dress too) he certainly might have smiled, and endeavoured to look a little happier; his sad looks indicated a funeral rather than a wedding. The Prince's songs were well sung, the first one in particular, and one could at once see that he had a bad attack of love sickness.

The Wicked Fairy, a horrible old cat, was capitally played by Mr. J. F. Noble. Mr. Noble makes a good substantial fairy without any delicate corners. When she frisked o'er the green glades or danced along the dales it rather forcibly reminded us of an elephant dance we once saw at a circus. This fairy had many reverses, but the hardest of all was at the last when she was transformed into a sampan woman, and compelled to carry on her back a child possessing feet of enormous dimensions.

The Maid of Hearts (Miss Murray Bain) is occupied most of the time scorning the love of the Knaye of Hearts, or of any other Knaye, which she' does remarkably well. Her first song "Kentucky Babe" was well rendered and received an encore.

The Yellow Dwarf (Mr. H. Seth) wasn't yellow at all; he had a good deal of red about his body; but he was quite ugly enough to suit any one's fancy. Altogether, Mr. Seth played his part very well. The make up of the Demon Cat (Mr. M. D. Silas) was very good, and he performed the

usual antics of an energetic and highly respect-The Knave of Hearts (Mr. E. P. Skrimshire) although described as an unfortunate misguided youth, didn't look as if he was either

of Hearts didn't return his love. The Good Fairy of Miss Sayer reminded us of the lady with wings that we used to worship when we were little boys in knickerborkers. She looked very pretty and spoke her lines well.

larly happy, and not a bit sorry that the Maid

The Kitchen Maid (Mr. H. S. Holmes) and the Chamberlain (Mr. Arthur Chapman) were well gmomed looking creatures, but we would leather see them at the Royal Palace, than in our own households

The dresses of the Chorus, designed by Miss Alias (whose real name is-but no, we promised not), Messrs. Sexton and Noble, were very pretty and becoming as regards the ladies, courtiers, pages and heralds, while those of the cooks, flunkies, cats, monkeys demons, and other "furious and untamed animals," as the programme styles them, were triumplis of imaginative design. The orange and lemon dresses of the" Orange Grove" ballet were most effective and blended capitally with the scene for which they were designed. The costumes worn by the Misses Remedios in the fan dance were most becoming, being diaphanous affairs of a rather pale blue, and admirably adapted to show off the graces of these two artistic little maids, and it is seldom that Hongkong is treated to such a display of talent as was exhibited by them last night. The dresses of the pas de six or "ribbon dance,"

were very effective, especially when 'rainbow lights were thrown upon them, and the tinkling jingle of the silver bells attached to the ends of the ribbons was very pleasing. The costume worn by Miss Anita d'Almada e Castro in her skirt dance deserves especial praise. It was of a rich burnished copper and had a very dazzling effect as this graceful little lady flitted about the stage with the electric light playing upon her. The gavotte, which was danced in Elizabethan costumes, was much appreciated, though perhaps its slow and stately measure does not appeal to the audience so much as the more sprightly ones of the other dances. The costumes were very artistic and becoming to the wearers and the tout ensemble of the scene almost made one imagine that Sir Francis Drake or Sir Walter Raleigh would appear ushering in Queen Bess.

Little Queenie Lambert, as the doll, fairly brought down the house and fully meritted the loud applause with which the conclusion of her dance was greeted, and it was only with difficulty that a second encore could be avoided. We venture to predict that this small lady will not want for floral and other tributes during the run of the pantomime. We really think that the Committee of the A.D.C. should be severely remonstrated with by the Captain Superintendent of Police on account of their imprudence in introducing such a charming collection of housemaids to the Colony. We feel convinced that the hearts of the whole of our European Police Force will be broken by them, and then-.!

Perhaps the most attractive of the dances is the "Georgeacaldwell" which is as merry romp as the youngest and sprightliest of the audience could have asked for, the fancy drasses and the particoloured ribbons carried by the dancers lending a pretty, variety to the scene, while the grand gallop at the exit with the whole of the dancers cheering and shouting at the top of their voices makes one long to leave the audience and join the jolly throng on the stage. The dances of the King and Queen. are beyond description and must be seen to be appreciated. They can only be described as killing and our readers must see them for-The greatest of credit is due to Mr. Cald-

well for his arrangement of the dances and the march of cooks and housesmaids. We heard it remarked during the evening that better dancing and marching would be difficult to find on a first class pantomine stage at home with professionals instead of amateurs, and for ourselves we fully endorse the opinion ex-The task of the stage manager is a thankless

one as a rule, for few people appreciate the many hours given up to rehearsals and the pains and patience needed to arrange all the little bickerings in the chorus and to see that everything goes with a swing and no "waits" occur. Mr. Mitchell as adapter of the pantomime and as stage manager is therefore deserving of the highest praise, for it is owing to dis energy and untiring zeal in the cause of the A. D. C that we are treated to these performance. the winter season. On him falls all the hard work and we fear but too little of the kudos. In the Harlequinade there is room for im-

provement as it was inclined, to drag, but this will doubless be remedied in subsequent perannot be described but as a success and licartily congratulate the A.D.C. upon their performance and recommend our readers not to miss the treat provided for them. CAST OF CHARACTERS.

The King of Hearts, who in an absent moment, had proposed to and been accepted Mr. G. H. N. Sexton, The Queen of Hearls, his lawful wedded wife, a regular "Tart-er" and mother of

Mr. G. A. Caldwell. ringess Allfair, their only-child, a sweet young thing in short frocks who gave up playing with her dolly, for the sake of the Mrs. Fullerton. Prince Dulcimar, a "Royal Mint" who wooes and wins her despite the opposition of

he Wicked Fairy, a horrid old cat whose cruel machinations in conjunction with her Mr. J. F. Noble. The Yellow Dwarf, an ugly gnome (all yellow and nasty-ugh!) and aided by

The Demon Cat, a Grimalkin of the worst feline type nearly spoil the magic spell of The good Fairy, whose story about the Orange

Grove almost compassed the death of Miss Sayer. The Knave of Hearts, an unfortunate and misguided, youth, in love with every girl he meets with a special weakness for Mr. E. P. Skrimshire.

The Maid of Hearls, a dainty lass all "made" of hearts, who scorns him thinking him Miss Murray-Bain. better suited for The Kitchen Maid, a wild and rabid creature who is entirely ignored by Mr. H. S. Holmes

The Chamberlain whose amorous duties compel him to keep a watchful eye on all of the Mr. Anhur Chapman. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Court, House-

maids, Cooks, Flunkies, Heralds, Pages, Cats, Monkeys, Demons, and other furious and untamed animals. Mesdames.-A. d'Almada e Castro.-M. d'Almada e Castro -- Ida Armstrong --

Elfrida Bohm.-Olivia Bohm.-Coleutt.-A. Herbst .- J. Herbst .- Mabel Hendley .-May Hendly.-Ella King.-Lactitia King. -Lily King. + Elsie Lang. - Hilda Lang. -Queenic Lambert -- Logan -- Claudia Mitchell.-Maud Parker.-M., d'Almada Remedios .- F. d'Almada Remedios .-Maud Sayer .-- Mabel Seth .-- Phyllis Seth. -Skertchly and Waterhouse. MESSRS.—Armstrong.—Aithen.—H. Bain—J. Cumming.—A. Chapman.—J. Danby.—

H. Grant Smith-C. Hance-G. C. Hayward.—C. B. Hayward.—E. M. Hayward. —E. Herbst.—H S. Holmes.—C. Humphreys .- E. Humphreys -- B. . Heaton. H. Kennett.-r. Lammert.-H. A. Lammert.-L. Lammert.-J. Logan.-W. Nicholson. -S. Seth. -Sayer. -Silas. -R. Witchell and J. Witchell.

SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY. Scene I.—The Garden of the Palace, Cats | Cats | Cats | The Yellow Dwarf drops in suddenly to confer with his aunt and has a "hot time." Scene II.—The Royal Palacc.

The Yellow Dwarf breaks up the regal furniture and the Company indulge in the usual break down.

Scene III .- The Nursery of the Princess. Doll Dance-Miss Q. Lambert. Scene IV. The Royal Kitchen.

Grand March of Cooks and Housemaids-First appearance of the Good Fairy who "plans to set matters straight—" The Queen of Hearts-she makes some

CURTAIN.

Scene V.-The Dismal Swamp. Demons, Donkey and the Dwarf to the fore, assisted by various animals of sorts whose ancestors never saw the interior of Noah's Ark. Scrne VI.—The Grange Grove.

(The Dances especially designed and arranged by Mr. A. Caldwell.) 1. Pas de Trois-Misses Hilda Lang, Lily 2. Pas de Deux-Misses M. & F. d'Almada

3. Pas de Quatre-Misses Misses Mabel Seth, Ella King, Mand Parker and M. 4. Pas Scul-Miss Anita d'Almada e

Scene VII.-The King's Smoking Room. When the Cat's away the mice will play.—

Rentedis.

Wonderful effects of a cup of Tea. Scene VIII. Fancy Ball at the Royal Palace. Misses Anita and Minnie d'Almada e Castro. Misses M. and F. d'Almada e Remedios.

Misses Mabel Sayer and Mabel Seth. Their Majesties hold a Grand Reception in honour of the Marriage of Princess

Allfair to Prince Dulcimar. THE GAVOTTE, Grand Dance-" The Georgeacaldwell."

Curtain.

EXTRAORDINARY SHOOTING AFFRAY ON BOARD SHIP.

SHANGHAI, December 28th. An extraordinary shooting affray occurred on Christmas night on board the s.s. Feiching while she was lying alongside the Kin-lee-yuen: Wharf. It appears that the second engineer Richard Tourney, who is said to usually be a well conducted man, had been drinking on the day in question and about dinner time had some altercation with the third engineer A. Eveleigh and the second mate Mr. Barrier in the saloon, while the Christmas dinner was in progress. High words ensued and an altercation followed between the second engineer and the second mate outside the saloon. The third engineer appears to have interfered on behalf of the second mate, and the second engineer thereupon went to his cabin while the others went back to dinner in the saloon. Tourney suddenly appeared at the door and fired two shots from a revolver at Eveleigh one of which struck him in the abdomen while the other grazed his hand. Tourney then fired at Harrier, hitting him in the back of the head, but Barrier pluckily grappled with the infuriated engineer who was thrown down in the struggle, during which the revolver, which was clutched in Barrier's hand, went off twice again, one bullet passing throughthe thigh of a Portuguese named Fonseca who happened to be on board. Tourney then appears to have gone back to his room while the three wounded men were hurried off for medical assistance. Dr. Cooper extracted the bullet from Fonseca's leg and then carried him and Eveleigh to the General Hospital where Barrier

who was bleeding profusely had just arrived. Drs. Henderson, MacLeod, and Milles were soon in consultation with Dr. Cooper, and it was concluded that young Eveleigh was the most seriously injured and should be first operated on. Ether was administered and surgical preparations were made for the performance of the highly interesting operation of excision of the stomach, when just as everything was in readiness, Dr. Milles suddenly discovered that there was no orifice to the formances. Taken as a whole the pantomime | bullet wound and a further search resulted in the bullet being discovered in the lining of Eveleigh's waistcoat into which it had been deflected by a metal button on his inside drawers, the button alone causing the superficial wound in the abdomen which is not serious. Eveleigh had thus a doube escape of his life in an hour! Barrier's wound is also only superficial, the bullet merely grazing the skull which is grooved but not broken, but Fonseca's injury, being through the muscle, is by far the most painful. After the shooting the 2nd engineer went ashore and all trace of him was lost till he marched into the Central Police Station and gave himself up this mom-

> POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS. The prisoner, Richard Tourney, second engineer of the steamship, Feiching, was brought up in the British Police Court this. morning before Mr. Ker, charged that he with feloniously, wifully, and of malice aforethought, did attempt to murder on the 25th inst., on board the s.s. Feiching, lying at Kin-lee-yuen wharf, at about 7:20 p.m., Arthur Barrier, A. Eveleigh and S. Fonseca, by shooting at and wounding them with a revolver.

> The prisoner made no reply when the charge was read over to him. Chief Inspector Howard and Detective off-

> cers Armstrong and Wood conducted the case for the Police. Inspector Howard said he only intended to produce sufficient evidence to justify a remand.

Inspector Howard sworn, stated-At about 7.30 this morning prisoner came to the Station and said he wanted to give himself up for what he had done. He was taken into custody and searched. A six-chambered revolver, some papers and keys, were found on him. Five chambers of the revolver had been discharged and the empty shells were in it still conq cartridge (full) was found in his possession, The charge was made out and read out to him, the usual caution being given to him, He Dr. Walter Jennings Milles, sworn, stated-

I was called to the General Hospital about o p.m. on Christmas Day to attend three men who were suffering from bullet wounds. Arthur-Barrier was injured at the back of the head. the bullet wounds of entrance, and exit being separated by about 3 inches, but the skull was not penetrated. Louis Fonseca had a wound on the left thigh, the bullet having been kemoved before admission to the Hospital. Arthur Eveliegh had a circular contused wound of the abdomen, which also had not penetrated, but was "evidently" produced by a bullet which was afterwards found in his waistcoat. There was a small circular hole in the waistcoat, the cloth being burnt around it, (bullet produced). He was probably saved by the bullet impinging on one of the buttons of his trousers avhich was bent. Eveleigh has been discharged, from the Hospital well; the other two mon are still in the Hospital and are both doing fairly well. In reply to Inspector, Howard, The wounds are not dangerous to life. It is not necessary to take the men's depositions.

Prisoner had no questions to ask, Inspector Howard sald he had two further witness whose evidence he would like to have

taken this morning. Arthur Eveleigh, sworn deposed I app Early morning breakfast a scene of domes. third engineer on the s.s. Felching. On Suns.

about half past six and were having dinner when Mr. Barrier got up from the table as Mr. Tourney entered. Mr. Tourney followed him out of the room: They had a few word outside. I could not hear the exact words, but heard then, talking outside. Mr. Barrier was. struck by Tourney. I then went into the row and stopped the fighting outside the saloon, and we went back to the saloon all except Mr. Barrier, Tourney came with us. There we had a few words-Tourney and I. He then left. Mr. Barrier then came back and we went on with our dinner till the door opened and Mr. Tourney fired at me. I left the room and know nothing more about it.

· Prisoner had no questions to ask. By Inspector Howard—The bullet struck me on the left side. I felt a little pain and thought I was wounded. There were two shots fired at me—one past my hand, the powder mark was on my sleeve and I was a little burned on the left hand. Tourney was not very sober, he had a little drink in him. There was no ill-feeling on my part towards Tourney. We were on speaking terms on Chrismas morning and had been for the last few months. I identify the buller preduced which was found in my vest.

Edward Holger-sworn, deposed, I am chief officer of the Reiching. I don't know anything about the shooting or fighting, but I'saw the prisoner go ashore about to minutes after I went on board on Chrismas night. 'I went on board at about 7.30. He went ashere with his overcoat over his arm. When I arrived on board I saw one of Mr. Eveleigh's friends running down the ladder. He said there had been some shooting going on. I don't think the prisoner was sober when I saw him leaving the ship. He had not been sober since the morning. He is a very quiet shipmate when

he is sober. steamer Feiching, cautioned stated the 3rd engineer was sitting down to dinner at about 6,30 on Christmas night. The 2nd engineer was not there then but entered at about a quarter to 7. When he did, the second officer (Barrier) left the table. The 2nd engineer. followed him out. Witness heard a struggle outside between the two .- The second mate went to his cabin, whereupon the 2nd engineer. joined the party in the saloon. The others then advised Tourney to go out and call the second mate back to dinner. The prisoner went and called him but he (Barrier) did not return to dinner. Then the 2nd and 3rd engineer commenced arguing. The and leftthe table and went outside and the 3rd engineer also went out after him, the and mate being already outside. Witness. next heard noise between them. The second mate and the 3rd engineer returned to the saloon the 2nd engineer (prisoner) going to his

cabin. The 2nd engineer afterwards returned to the saloon while witness was carving in the pantry. Witness heard a report as if of a firecracker. The pantry-boy ran away towards the galley, shouting there was revolver-firing. Witness afterward reported what he knew about the affair to the captain at his house in Hongkew.

By Inspector Howard.—He heard one shot fired and then ran away he saw none of the shots. He never saw the revolver (produced) before. He heard the 2nd engineer and the and officer fighting outside the saloon on two occasions that night. He did not see any of them falling on the deck. He knew of no trouble between the two men.

Inspector Howard re-entered the box and corrected his statement that the weapon was a six-chambered revolver. It was five chamber ed and the whole, five cartridges had been discharged. An extra cartridge (full) was found in the prisener's possession. At 7.30 on . Sunday, the 25th inst. Witness went on board the Felching and inspected the saloon where the shooting took place. He discovered two bullet marks on the saloon woodwork; one bullet had gone clean through the pantry door and was found on the floor. There was also some blood on the woodwork of the saloon. He could not find the bullet which made the

second mark. The case was remanded till Monday next in order that the evidence of the injured men might be taken in the Hospital-China Gazette.

FOOTBALL.

Scotland against the World. Tomorrow afternoon in the Happy valley on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club the annual international football match under association rules will be played between Scotland and the World.—The team representative of Scotland is a most formidable collection of well tried players and the world team is an unusually strong one.-Scotland will try hard to maintain its hitherto unbeaten record while on the other hand the world will make a determined effort for supremacy.-. Scotland will play in white, the world in colours. Kick-off at four o'clock.-Extra seating

accommodation will be provided for ladies:-Scotland:-I. Burrell (Koyloon) goal; A. S. Auton (H.K.F.C.) and D. Dyer (Kowloon) backs; J. Smillie (Kowloon), G. Wilson (Kow-Ioon), and R. K. Noble (H.M.S. Handy). halves; L. Kano (H.M.S. Victorious), E. Millar (H.M.S. Victorious), J. R. Greig (K.O.R.), D. Duncan (Kowloon forwards), and World-F. H. Kew (H.K.F.C.) goal; R. Wilcox (K.O.R.) and P. C. Atherton (K.O.R.) backs ; W. H. Howard (H.K.F.C.), C. T. Kew (H.K.F.C.) and I. D. Danby (H.K.F.C.), halves; A. R. Lowe (H.K.F.C.), H. W. Looker (H.K.F. C.) Captain, W. B. L. Lethbridge (K.O.R.), J. H. Lloyd (K.O.R.) and W. Barlow (Kowloon), forwards, Referee:-Mr W. D. Mayson.

THE OPENING UP OF THIBET.

BRITISH ANNEXATION SUGGESTED. Major L. A. Waddell, I.M.S., writes a letter to the Englishman on the opening up of He says :- " Having had special opportunities of studying at first hand the geographical and political position of Thibet from the Indian, Burmese, and Chinese sides, have read with much interest the letter by Mr. A Little to the Spectator of the 17tl September last, entitled "The Value of Thibet to England," for I have for some time held the view with respect to British annexation which he therein advocates, but I hold it on very much wider and more imperative grounds. Major Waddell then gives proof of the priority of his views on the question, and makes public a memorandum which he wrote some time ago. After pointing out the possibilities of the Russian wedge being interposed between our Indian and -Burmese and Chinese possessions by dispossessing China of her shadowy suzerainty over Thibet, he draws attention to the advantages of British annexation. He observes :- "Our Indian Empire directly borders on Central Thibet by our frontiers of Bengal, Assam, and Upper Burmah. / Lhasa even now is within frontier, and by a light profitable railway up the Torsha Choombi Valley, which I have advocated for many years, could be brought within three to four days, from Calcutta. This with the addition of a railway from Assam up the Tsang-Po or Dehing, the natural waterway from the Indian plains to Central Thibet, and the stready conceded extensions of the Burmese Railway from Kunlong Ferry on the borders of Yunnan through China to Suchan

friends on board with me. We went to dinner on the Yangtsze River, these would open up the heart of Thibet to India and Burmah. The commercial possibilities of Thibet are immense. Its gold mines are at present practically unworked from superstitionary reasons, and are probably among the richest in the world, and should alone make it important." He speaks of many parts being equal to Switzerland and Cashmere for swonery, and the climate eminently fitted for European colonisation. As to its invasion, he remarks that Thibet is practically defenceless at present against any little well armed force which chooses to push on to Lhasa, and it is to be hoped-Russia and Nepal will not seize the opportunity of doing so be-fore England realizes the position. The Thibetans, although formerly warlike and aggressive people, have had all their spirit sapped out of them by many centuries of priestly oppres-sign. They have lost their fighting instincts and courage, and they have no regular arm nor any modern weapons of warfare. I am of opinion, from the intimate study of the Thibetans and their country, that little more than a couple of regiments (one European and one Gurkha) and a mountain battery, would be sufficient to penetrate to Lhasa, and only very few troops would be needed to hold the country The Englishman endorses Major Waddell's scheme, not advocating the forward policy, simply for the sake of having a forward policy but first for just chastisement of the Thibetans who have repeatedly defied us, and for the commercial possibilities and for the dominating position it would give us in the south-west of China. — Times of India.

AFFAIRS IN KOREA

Chemulpo, 16th Dec., 1898. The party feeling which had reached such an unprecedentedly high pitch of late has been Tong Hip toy, a steward on board the gradually cooling down and may now be fairly considered to have fizzled out. Looking retrospectively at the late events though at times there may have been some cause for anxiety for the safety of foreigners on the part of those less courageous, the "pitched battles," in the streets cannot but be viewed in the light of aregular sham fight. This is the general opinion here: Nothing can therefore justify the conduct of some people who, made political capital out of such a paltry affair by sending sensational telegrams abroad. It would be curious to know who are those that have been sending the telegrams, complained of and otherwise agitating against the powers that be. Some of the missionaries have always had a finger in the political pie and it is an open secret that they own the Independent newspaper. The editor of the Independent is said to be the President of the Independence Club and this coupled with the fact that the pupils of so me of

the Missionary schools lent an active support to the independents at the late disturbances furnish a sufficient clue to trace the origin of the telegraphic "bunders" sent to China and Japan It goes without saying that the late trouble was made a pretext of for the other Legations to emulate the Russian and the Japanese in having guards too. The former has a standing guard of twenty cossacks and the latter fifty gendarmes and about 600 soldiers in arms, but it is affirmed that there are many more in civilian attire. Now the British Legation has got back its guard which was withdrawn last year as it was deemed to be of little use, British interests here being so very unimportant. Circumstances have not changed since, and if a British Legation guard was not needed last year'it is equally so now. But perhaps H.M's. Representative wishes to be prepared so that he may some day have the privilege of having the Emperor under his protecting wings as his Russian colleague once had. The way the Legations here try to outstrip each other cannot be better illustrated than by the old story: "Ma, Billy has more butter on his toast than. I have, I want just as much and if possible a little more." But the British Legal tion had to pay through its nose for its guard, I hear that \$150 alone was paid for the passage

of eight men hence to Seoul.

With reference to the episode of the 21/23rd Nov., I cannot dismiss the subject without relating the crowning farce of the Emperor holding an open-air meeting, and from a bench erected at the palace gate he addressed the people. The speech was of a very conciliatory nature, full of paternal advice, and it had its desired effect. The people were charmed and one and all vowed that they would be good children in future. So the Peddlers and the Independents have buried the hatchet for the time being. It should be noted that the Peddlers' guild is a very old institution, its members being small tradesmen of the well-to-do class, while the Independent clique consists of diseatisfied officials outof-harness and of the students of the Japanese, English, French and Russian schools. The students of these two latter schools are the greatest inischief makers, while the others are more demure and play, the rôle of the proverbial school master abroad to perfection. The ranks of the Independents are also being swelled'by a lot of idlers, or rather gentlemen roughs, who are too lazy to work and ever ready to do all the dirty work of the party. The question in every body's lips is when the noxt-farco-will-be enacted full-suppose it will But what is best of all is that the weather

here has been lovely, and trade which has been

stagnant seems to be reviving. On the 8th, instant there was no issue of the Indpendent. I wonder whether the ink has become frozen as the temperature has of late been below freezing point. Whatever is the cause, signs are not wanting that the Independence men are preparing for another farce. It is said that they have engaged the services of a lot of fighting men belonging to the Butchers' Guild who are confidently expected to make short work of the Peddlers at the next encoun-

The statements made by the Japanese papers that Korea had asked the assistance of Japan to quell the late disturbance must be taken with a big grain of salt. Besides, by the treaty with Russia, Japan is precluded from actively interfering in Korea's domestic affairs. The other statement that the Foreign Representatives had an audience with the Emperor is true enough, but it is not equally true that they had tendered any advice. On the contrary they

had studiously refrained from doing so. The new adviser to the Postal Department, or Postmaster General, or whatever his rank may be, has arrived. He is a Frenchman, and as genial and courteous as a regular Parisian is. Korea may hope now to enter the Postal Union pretty soon, -- Mercury Cor.

Meteorological means based on ten years observations to 1893. Barometer29.818 Thermometer80.1

TO-DAY, WEATHER REPORT. On date at On date at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Barometer......30.28 Thermometer 60

Friday 6th January, 1899. Chinese-25th of 11th moon of 25th year of Kwang-su.

High water-Merning 2hr. 23min. Afternoon 3hr. 35min. Low water-Morning Shr. 38min. AfternoonIIhr. 12min. ANNIVERSARIES.

1878-Creat Fire at Tientsin 1,400 famine refugees burnt to death.

1889-Wreck of the British ship Anglo-Indian near Tamsui; Captain and 13 of the crew drowned. 1800-Messrs. Henry and Victor Roque, Captain Roze, Mr. Costa, and Messrs. Roque's Compradore attacked by pi-

rates at Dongtrieu, Tonquin; Captain

Roze murdered and the rest of the

party were taken prisoners and held for ransom until 7th March. 1896-National Reform Committee arrested at Johannesburg.

1897 -- The dismasted British barque West York sold at auction for \$5,800.

TO-MORROW. Saturday, 7th January, 1899. Chinese-26th of 12th moon of 25th year of High water—Morning 4hr. Smin. Afternoon shr. 28min. Low water-Alerning ohr. 12min. Afternoon ohr. omin. ANNIVERSARIES.

1558-Calais lost. 1697-Swan R. W. Australia discovered. 1841—Forts at Chuenpi taken with great slaughter.

1889-Northamptonshire Regiment left Hong-1896—Japanese Government handed Port Arthur over to the Chinese. H.M.S.

Caroline left for England. 1897-The Mansion House Indian Famine Fund opened.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

Indian (Chelydra) to-morrow. Australian (Changsha) to-morrow. English (Bengal) to-morrow. Australian (Guthric) 8th inst. Indian (Lightning) toth inst. German (Preussen) 11th inst. Australian (Kasuga Maru) 16th inst. American (City of Peking) 20th inst. American (Gaette) 21st inst. Canadian (Empress of India) 23rd inst.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer Empress of India left Vancouver for Hongkong via usual ports of calls on Monday afternoon, the 2nd instant.

THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer Hitachi Maru (Europe Line) left Singapore for this port yesterday, the 5th, and is expected to arrive here on the 11th instant.

THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer Kasuga Maru (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port yesterday, the 5th, and is expected to arrive here on the 16th instant.

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Homeward-Dec. 27th Benmohr, Oopack.

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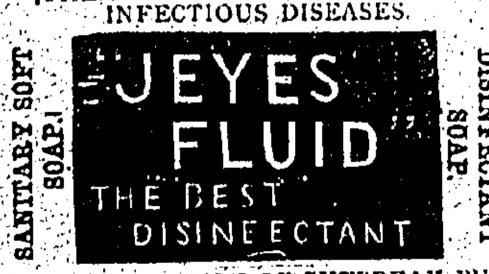
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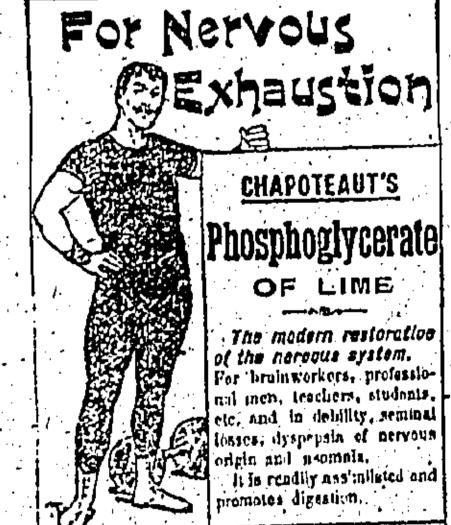
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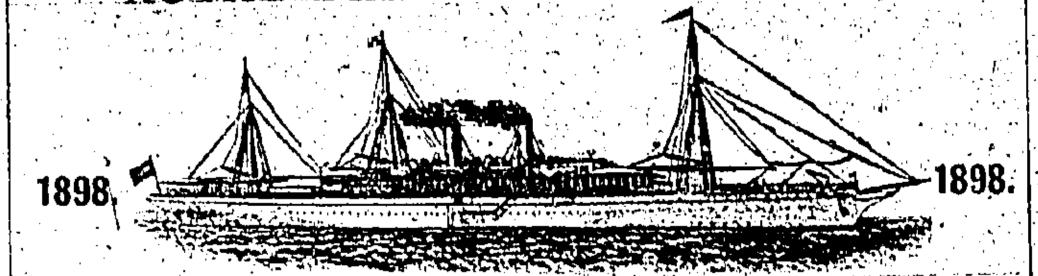
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Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between FROM VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO. UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct Olympia... 2,608 | J. Truebridge ... | Jan. 14

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for trans- | Columbia | 2,605 | A. Gow..... | Jan. 2 portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities Lennox | 3,677 | Williamson | Mar. 11 of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports, Columbia 2,605 A. Gow..... April 15. in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

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tined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Scaled Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. . For further information as to Passage and

Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7. Prava Central. J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent

Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. [1310]

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THE * 3/3 A. I. I. American Ship "REUCE,"

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Faulkner, Master, shortly expected here will load for the above Port, and will have quick

despatch.
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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. Hongkong, 29th December, 1898.

JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS, 21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD HONGKONG. 35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA 36, Division Street, Kove.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1898.

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Calling at NAPLES for Passengers only, if sufficient inducement offers. For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to CARLOWITZ & Co.,

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CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY. IN CONSECTION WITH

THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANT FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM 'HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO. VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND - HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan PORTS ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING and HONOLULU, The United STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Carlisle City 3,002 | Jan. 15 Carmarthenshire | 2,929 | | Feb. 14 THE Steamship

"CARLISLE CITY," will be despatched for SAN DIEGO VIA and Honolulu). NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKO Doric. (vin. Shanghai,) HAMA and HONOLULU, on or about the 15th January. Through Bills of Lading issued to any point

Gargo will be received on board until'5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address

in full. Value of same is required. STRAITS, CEYLON AUSTRALIA, INDIA, Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the (Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, Collector of Customs, San Diego.
For futher information as to Freight or

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Hongkong, China and Japan. Hongkong, 8th November, 1898.

Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., TO-MORROW, the 7th U.S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND

-HONOLULÚ.:-PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

--- at Noon.

Tuesday, 14th Marc

at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Saturday, 21st Jan. Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Hono-1ulu) /

China (via Shanghai,) Nagasaki, Kobe, In- [Thursday, 16th Feb., ... land Sea, Yokohana and Honolulu)

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland

FLA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE,

Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF PEKING,"

will be despatched for SAN ERANCISCO, via SHANGHAL NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 21st January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass-through the IN-LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, journey at any point en route. Through Passage Tickets granted to England,

France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States of Canada: Rates may be obtained on application. Passengers holding through ORDERS TO

EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail. Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACI-FIC. UNITED PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC N.B. CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH the very cheap rates offered by the Line, RAILWAY: also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVER-LAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO: the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC. CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, Sachsen Wednesday | 1st March. DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines. Particulars of the various routes can be had

on application. Special rates (first class only) are granted to NWEDNESDAY, the 1st day of February, lissionaries, members of the Naval Military. 1800, at 0 A.M., the Company's Steamship. Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transport, and GENOA. Consular Invoices of Goods for United States: Points should be in quadruplicate; and one ation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to copy, must be scrit forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash, or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of in Mexico, Central and South America, by the be received at the Agency's Office until Noon Company's and connecting Steamers. Freight will be received on board until 4 RM.

the day previous to sailing, Parcel, Packages will be received at the Office until 5.4.M. same day; all Pareel Packages should be marked to Measurement address in full; value of same is required. Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in Hie United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Scaled Envelopes, addressed to the

Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For further information, as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7 Praya Central

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent. Hongkong, 28th December, 1898

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

AKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO...

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE; THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND. HONOLULU

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. Gaelie (vin Shanghai,

Nagasaki, Kobe, In- (Tuesday, 31st Jan., land Sea, Yokohama (1899, at Noon. Nagasaki, Kobe, In- Saturday, 25th Feb., land Sea, Yokohama (

and Honolulu). Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, In- (Tuestkay, 21st March, land Sea, Yokohama (and Honolulu).

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLU-LU, on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon. Steamers of this line pass through the IN-LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,

and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route. Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be ob-

tained upon application. Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-em-

barking at San Francisco for China or Japan

(or sitce versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 percent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe. All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at

previous to sailing. Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs

the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day

San Francisco. For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent. Hongkong, 6th January, 1899. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE STEAM FOR-SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADED, SUEZ,

PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, PORTS, IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS: LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,

BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS. THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT

SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGACE BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRIN-

CIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA: PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUPPECT TO ALTERATION.)

Preussen Wednesday | 1st Feb. Bayern | Wednesday | 29th March. Prins Heinrich ... Wednesday | 26th April Preussen Wednesday | 24th May.

"PREUSSEN?" Captain C. Heintze, with MAILS PASSENGERS SPECIE, & CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on San Franscisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities MONDAY, the 30th instant. Cargo and Specie of the United States, via Overland Railways, to will be acceived on board until 3 1 M. Jon-Hayana, Trinidad, and Demenua, and to ports Tuesday, the 31st instant, and Parcels will on Tuesday, the gist instant. Contents of

Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts. will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in The Steamer has splendid Accommodition and carries'a Doctor and a Stewardess.

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MELCHERS & Co. Agents. Hongkong, out January, 1899.

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